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(54) Title: NUCLEIC ACIDS, PROTEINS, AND ANTIBODIES

(57) Abstract: The present invention relates to novel proteins. More specifically, isolated nucleic acid molecules are provided encoding novel polypeptides. Novel polypeptides and antibodies that bind to these polypeptides are provided. Also provided are vectors, host cells, and recombinant and synthetic methods for producing human polynucleotides and/or polypeptides, and antibodies. The invention further relates to diagnostic and therapeutic methods useful for diagnosing, treating, preventing and/or prognosing disorders related to these novel polypeptides. The invention further relates to screening methods for identifying agonists and antagonists of polynucleotides and polypeptides of the invention. The present invention further relates to methods and/or compositions for inhibiting or enhancing the production and function of the polypeptides of the present invention.

[0029] TNF and LT- α are capable of binding to two TNF receptors (the 55- and 75-kd TNF receptors). A large number of biological effects elicited by TNF and LT- α , acting through their receptors, include hemorrhagic necrosis of transplanted tumors, cytotoxicity, a role in endotoxic shock, inflammation, immunoregulation, proliferation and anti-viral responses, as well as protection against the deleterious effects of ionizing radiation. TNF and LT- α are involved in the pathogenesis of a wide range of diseases, including endotoxic shock, cerebral malaria, tumors, autoimmune disease, AIDS and graft-host rejection (Beutler, B. and Von Huffel, C., *Science* 264:667-668 (1994)). Mutations in the p55 Receptor cause increased susceptibility to microbial infection.

[0030] Moreover, an about 80 amino acid domain near the C-terminus of TNFR1 (p55) and Fas was reported as the "death domain," which is responsible for transducing signals for programmed cell death (Tartaglia *et al.*, *Cell* 74:845 (1993)).

[0031] Plasma membrane associated proteins with a predominant tissue expression pattern are important targets for targeted drug delivery, tumor-targeted therapy (e.g., including, but not limited to, radioimmunotherapy) antibody mediated attack of diseased tissues or cancers, and immune mediated cytotoxicity.

[0032] The discovery of new plasma membrane associated proteins and the polynucleotides encoding these molecules thus satisfies a need in the art by not only providing new compositions useful in the diagnosis, treatment, and prevention of diseases associated with cell proliferation and cell signaling, particularly cancer, immune response and neuronal disorders; but also by providing new targets for immune based therapies.

Summary of the Invention

[0033] The present invention relates to novel proteins. More specifically, isolated nucleic acid molecules are provided encoding novel polypeptides. Novel polypeptides and antibodies that bind to these polypeptides are provided. Also provided are vectors, host cells, and recombinant and synthetic methods for producing human polynucleotides and/or polypeptides, and antibodies. The invention further relates to diagnostic and therapeutic methods useful for diagnosing, treating, preventing and/or prognosing disorders related to these novel polypeptides. The invention further relates to screening methods for

identifying agonists and antagonists of polynucleotides and polypeptides of the invention. The present invention further relates to methods and/or compositions for inhibiting or enhancing the production and function of the polypeptides of the present invention.

Detailed Description

Tables

[0034] Table 1 summarizes some of the polynucleotides encompassed by the invention (including cDNA clones related to the sequences (Clone ID NO:Z), contig sequences (contig identifier (Contig ID:) and contig nucleotide sequence identifier (SEQ ID NO:X)) and further summarizes certain characteristics of these polynucleotides and the polypeptides encoded thereby. The first column provides the gene number in the application for each clone identifier. The second column provides a unique clone identifier, "Clone ID NO:Z", for a cDNA clone related to each contig sequence disclosed in Table 1. The third column provides a unique contig identifier, "Contig ID:" for each of the contig sequences disclosed in Table 1. The fourth column provides the sequence identifier, "SEQ ID NO:X", for each of the contig sequences disclosed in Table 1. The fifth column, "ORF (From-To)", provides the location (i.e., nucleotide position numbers) within the polynucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO:X that delineate the preferred open reading frame (ORF) that encodes the amino acid sequence shown in the sequence listing and referenced in Table 1 as SEQ ID NO:Y (column 6). Column 7 lists residues comprising predicted epitopes contained in the polypeptides encoded by each of the preferred ORFs (SEQ ID NO:Y). Identification of potential immunogenic regions was performed according to the method of Jameson and Wolf (CABIOS, 4; 181-186 (1988)); specifically, the Genetics Computer Group (GCG) implementation of this algorithm, embodied in the program PEPTIDESTRUCTURE (Wisconsin Package v10.0, Genetics Computer Group (GCG), Madison, Wisc.). This method returns a measure of the probability that a given residue is found on the surface of the protein. Regions where the antigenic index score is greater than 0.9 over at least 6 amino acids are indicated in Table 1 as "Predicted Epitopes". In particular embodiments, polypeptides of the invention comprise, or alternatively consist of, one, two, three, four, five or more of the predicted epitopes described in Table 1. It will be appreciated that depending on the analytical criteria used to predict antigenic determinants, the exact address of the determinant may

vary slightly. Column 8, "Tissue Distribution" shows the expression profile of tissue, cells, and/or cell line libraries which express the polynucleotides of the invention. The first number in column 8 (preceding the colon), represents the tissue/cell source identifier code corresponding to the key provided in Table 4. Expression of these polynucleotides was not observed in the other tissues and/or cell libraries tested. For those identifier codes in which the first two letters are not "AR", the second number in column 8 (following the colon), represents the number of times a sequence corresponding to the reference polynucleotide sequence (e.g., SEQ ID NO:X) was identified in the tissue/cell source. Those tissue/cell source identifier codes in which the first two letters are "AR" designate information generated using DNA array technology. Utilizing this technology, cDNAs were amplified by PCR and then transferred, in duplicate, onto the array. Gene expression was assayed through hybridization of first strand cDNA probes to the DNA array. cDNA probes were generated from total RNA extracted from a variety of different tissues and cell lines. Probe synthesis was performed in the presence of ³³P dCTP, using oligo(dT) to prime reverse transcription. After hybridization, high stringency washing conditions were employed to remove non-specific hybrids from the array. The remaining signal, emanating from each gene target, was measured using a Phosphorimager. Gene expression was reported as Phosphor Stimulating Luminescence (PSL) which reflects the level of phosphor signal generated from the probe hybridized to each of the gene targets represented on the array. A local background signal subtraction was performed before the total signal generated from each array was used to normalize gene expression between the different hybridizations. The value presented after "[array code]:" represents the mean of the duplicate values, following background subtraction and probe normalization. One of skill in the art could routinely use this information to identify normal and/or diseased tissue(s) which show a predominant expression pattern of the corresponding polynucleotide of the invention or to identify polynucleotides which show predominant and/or specific tissue and/or cell expression. Column 9 provides the chromosomal location of polynucleotides corresponding to SEQ ID NO:X. Chromosomal location was determined by finding exact matches to EST and cDNA sequences contained in the NCBI (National Center for Biotechnology Information) UniGene database. Given a presumptive chromosomal location, disease locus association was determined by comparison with the Morbid Map, derived from Online Mendelian Inheritance in Man (Online Mendelian

Inheritance in Man, OMIM™. McKusick-Nathans Institute for Genetic Medicine, Johns Hopkins University (Baltimore, MD) and National Center for Biotechnology Information, National Library of Medicine (Bethesda, MD) 2000. World Wide Web URL: <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/omim/>). If the putative chromosomal location of the Query overlaps with the chromosomal location of a Morbid Map entry, an OMIM identification number is disclosed in column 10 labeled "OMIM Disease Reference(s)". A key to the OMIM reference identification numbers is provided in Table 5. Column 11 provides the amino acid position of the ALOM hit(s) predicted for the amino acid sequence shown in SEQ ID NO:Y.

[0035] Table 2 summarizes homology and features of some of the polypeptides of the invention. The first column provides a unique clone identifier, "Clone ID NO:Z", corresponding to a cDNA clone disclosed in Table 1. The second column provides the unique contig identifier, "Contig ID:" corresponding to contigs in Table 1 and allowing for correlation with the information in Table 1. The third column provides the sequence identifier, "SEQ ID NO:X", for the contig polynucleotide sequence. The fourth column provides the analysis method by which the homology/identity disclosed in the Table was determined. Comparisons were made between polypeptides encoded by the polynucleotides of the invention and either a non-redundant protein database (herein referred to as "NR"), or a database of protein families (herein referred to as "PFAM") as further described below. The fifth column provides a description of the PFAM/NR hit having a significant match to a polypeptide of the invention. Column six provides the accession number of the PFAM/NR hit disclosed in the fifth column. Column seven, "Score/Percent Identity", provides a quality score or the percent identity, of the hit disclosed in columns five and six. Columns 8 and 9, "NT From" and "NT To" respectively, delineate the polynucleotides in "SEQ ID NO:X" that encode a polypeptide having a significant match to the PFAM/NR database as disclosed in the fifth and sixth columns. In specific embodiments polypeptides of the invention comprise, or alternatively consist of, an amino acid sequence encoded by a polynucleotide in SEQ ID NO:X as delineated in columns 8 and 9, or fragments or variants thereof.

[0036] Table 3 provides polynucleotide sequences that may be disclaimed according to certain embodiments of the invention. The first column provides a unique clone identifier, "Clone ID", for a cDNA clone related to contig sequences disclosed in Table 1. The

second column provides the sequence identifier, "SEQ ID NO:X", for contig sequences disclosed in Table 1. The third column provides the unique contig identifier, "Contig ID:", for contigs disclosed in Table 1. The fourth column provides a unique integer 'a' where 'a' is any integer between 1 and the final nucleotide minus 15 of SEQ ID NO:X, and the fifth column provides a unique integer 'b' where 'b' is any integer between 15 and the final nucleotide of SEQ ID NO:X, where both a and b correspond to the positions of nucleotide residues shown in SEQ ID NO:X, and where b is greater than or equal to a + 14. For each of the polynucleotides shown as SEQ ID NO:X, the uniquely defined integers can be substituted into the general formula of a-b, and used to describe polynucleotides which may be preferably excluded from the invention. In certain embodiments, preferably excluded from the invention are at least one, two, three, four, five, ten, or more of the polynucleotide sequence(s) having the accession number(s) disclosed in the sixth column of this Table. In further embodiments, preferably excluded from the invention are the specific polynucleotide sequence(s) contained in the clones corresponding to at least one, two, three, four, five, ten, or more of the available material having the accession numbers identified in the sixth column of this Table.

[0037] Table 4 provides a key to the tissue/cell source identifier code disclosed in Table 1, column 8. Column 1 provides the tissue/cell source identifier code disclosed in Table 1, Column 8. Columns 2-5 provide a description of the tissue or cell source. Codes corresponding to diseased tissues are indicated in column 6 with the word "disease". The use of the word "disease" in column 6 is non-limiting. The tissue or cell source may be specific (e.g. a neoplasm), or may be disease-associated (e.g., a tissue sample from a normal portion of a diseased organ). Furthermore, tissues and/or cells lacking the "disease" designation may still be derived from sources directly or indirectly involved in a disease state or disorder, and therefore may have a further utility in that disease state or disorder. In numerous cases where the tissue/cell source is a library, column 7 identifies the vector used to generate the library.

[0038] Table 5 provides a key to the OMIM reference identification numbers disclosed in Table 1, column 10. OMIM reference identification numbers (Column 1) were derived from Online Mendelian Inheritance in Man (Online Mendelian Inheritance in Man, OMIM. McKusick-Nathans Institute for Genetic Medicine, Johns Hopkins University (Baltimore, MD) and National Center for Biotechnology Information, National Library of

Medicine, (Bethesda, MD) 2000. World Wide Web URL: <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/omim/>). Column 2 provides diseases associated with the cytologic band disclosed in Table 1, column 9, as determined using the Morbid Map database.

[0039]

Definitions

[0040] The following definitions are provided to facilitate understanding of certain terms used throughout this specification.

[0041] In the present invention, "isolated" refers to material removed from its original environment (e.g., the natural environment if it is naturally occurring), and thus is altered "by the hand of man" from its natural state. For example, an isolated polynucleotide could be part of a vector or a composition of matter, or could be contained within a cell, and still be "isolated" because that vector, composition of matter, or particular cell is not the original environment of the polynucleotide. The term "isolated" does not refer to genomic or cDNA libraries, whole cell total or mRNA preparations, genomic DNA preparations (including those separated by electrophoresis and transferred onto blots), sheared whole cell genomic DNA preparations or other compositions where the art demonstrates no distinguishing features of the polynucleotide/sequences of the present invention.

[0042] As used herein, a "polynucleotide" refers to a molecule having a nucleic acid sequence encoding SEQ ID NO:Y or a fragment or variant thereof; a nucleic acid sequence contained in SEQ ID NO:X (as described in column 3 of Table 1) or the complement thereof; a cDNA sequence contained in Clone ID NO:Z (as described in column 2 of Table 1 and contained within the ATCC Deposit). For example, the polynucleotide can contain the nucleotide sequence of the full length cDNA sequence, including the 5' and 3' untranslated sequences, the coding region, as well as fragments, epitopes, domains, and variants of the nucleic acid sequence. Moreover, as used herein, a "polypeptide" refers to a molecule having an amino acid sequence encoded by a

polynucleotide of the invention as broadly defined (obviously excluding poly-Phenylalanine or poly-Lysine peptide sequences which result from translation of a polyA tail of a sequence corresponding to a cDNA).

[0043] In the present invention, "SEQ ID NO:X" was often generated by overlapping sequences contained in multiple clones (contig analysis). A representative clone containing all or most of the sequence for SEQ ID NO:X is deposited at Human Genome Sciences, Inc. (HGS) in a catalogued and archived library. As shown, for example, in column 2 of Table 1, each clone is identified by a cDNA Clone ID (identifier generally referred to herein as Clone ID NO:Z). Each Clone ID is unique to an individual clone and the Clone ID is all the information needed to retrieve a given clone from the HGS library. Furthermore, clones disclosed in this application have been deposited with the ATCC on March 24, 2000, having the ATCC designation numbers PTA-1559. The ATCC is located at 10801 University Boulevard, Manassas, Virginia 20110-2209, USA. The ATCC deposits were made pursuant to the terms of the Budapest Treaty on the international recognition of the deposit of microorganisms for the purposes of patent procedure.

[0044] In specific embodiments, the polynucleotides of the invention are at least 15, at least 30, at least 50, at least 100, at least 125, at least 500, or at least 1000 continuous nucleotides but are less than or equal to 300 kb, 200 kb, 100 kb, 50 kb, 15 kb, 10 kb, 7.5kb, 5 kb, 2.5 kb, 2.0 kb, or 1 kb, in length. In a further embodiment, polynucleotides of the invention comprise a portion of the coding sequences, as disclosed herein, but do not comprise all or a portion of any intron. In another embodiment, the polynucleotides comprising coding sequences do not contain coding sequences of a genomic flanking gene (i.e., 5' or 3' to the gene of interest in the genome). In other embodiments, the polynucleotides of the invention do not contain the coding sequence of more than 1000, 500, 250, 100, 50, 25, 20, 15, 10, 5, 4, 3, 2, or 1 genomic flanking gene(s).

[0045] A "polynucleotide" of the present invention also includes those polynucleotides capable of hybridizing, under stringent hybridization conditions, to sequences contained in SEQ ID NO:X, or the complement thereof (e.g., the complement of any one, two, three, four, or more of the polynucleotide fragments described herein), the polynucleotide sequence delineated in columns 8 and 9 of Table 2 or the complement thereof, and/or cDNA sequences contained in Clone ID NO:Z (e.g., the complement of any one, two, three, four, or more of the polynucleotide fragments, or the cDNA clone within the pool of

cDNA clones deposited with the ATCC, described herein). "Stringent hybridization conditions" refers to an overnight incubation at 42 degree C in a solution comprising 50% formamide, 5x SSC (750 mM NaCl, 75 mM trisodium citrate), 50 mM sodium phosphate (pH 7.6), 5x Denhardt's solution, 10% dextran sulfate, and 20 µg/ml denatured, sheared salmon sperm DNA, followed by washing the filters in 0.1x SSC at about 65 degree C.

[0046] Also contemplated are nucleic acid molecules that hybridize to the polynucleotides of the present invention at lower stringency hybridization conditions. Changes in the stringency of hybridization and signal detection are primarily accomplished through the manipulation of formamide concentration (lower percentages of formamide result in lowered stringency); salt conditions, or temperature. For example, lower stringency conditions include an overnight incubation at 37 degree C in a solution comprising 6X SSPE (20X SSPE = 3M NaCl; 0.2M NaH₂PO₄; 0.02M EDTA, pH 7.4), 0.5% SDS, 30% formamide, 100 ug/ml salmon sperm blocking DNA; followed by washes at 50 degree C with 1XSSPE, 0.1% SDS. In addition, to achieve even lower stringency, washes performed following stringent hybridization can be done at higher salt concentrations (e.g. 5X SSC).

[0047] Note that variations in the above conditions may be accomplished through the inclusion and/or substitution of alternate blocking reagents used to suppress background in hybridization experiments. Typical blocking reagents include Denhardt's reagent, BLOTTO, heparin, denatured salmon sperm DNA, and commercially available proprietary formulations. The inclusion of specific blocking reagents may require modification of the hybridization conditions described above, due to problems with compatibility.

[0048] Of course, a polynucleotide which hybridizes only to polyA⁺ sequences (such as any 3' terminal polyA⁺ tract of a cDNA shown in the sequence listing), or to a complementary stretch of T (or U) residues, would not be included in the definition of "polynucleotide," since such a polynucleotide would hybridize to any nucleic acid molecule containing a poly (A) stretch or the complement thereof (e.g., practically any double-stranded cDNA clone generated using oligo dT as a primer).

[0049] The polynucleotide of the present invention can be composed of any polyribonucleotide or polydeoxribonucleotide, which may be unmodified RNA or DNA or modified RNA or DNA. For example, polynucleotides can be composed of single- and

double-stranded DNA, DNA that is a mixture of single- and double-stranded regions, single- and double-stranded RNA, and RNA that is mixture of single- and double-stranded regions, hybrid molecules comprising DNA and RNA that may be single-stranded or, more typically, double-stranded or a mixture of single- and double-stranded regions. In addition, the polynucleotide can be composed of triple-stranded regions comprising RNA or DNA or both RNA and DNA. A polynucleotide may also contain one or more modified bases or DNA or RNA backbones modified for stability or for other reasons. "Modified" bases include, for example, tritylated bases and unusual bases such as inosine. A variety of modifications can be made to DNA and RNA; thus, "polynucleotide" embraces chemically, enzymatically, or metabolically modified forms.

[0050] The polypeptide of the present invention can be composed of amino acids joined to each other by peptide bonds or modified peptide bonds, i.e., peptide isosteres, and may contain amino acids other than the 20 gene-encoded amino acids. The polypeptides may be modified by either natural processes, such as posttranslational processing, or by chemical modification techniques which are well known in the art. Such modifications are well described in basic texts and in more detailed monographs, as well as in a voluminous research literature. Modifications can occur anywhere in a polypeptide, including the peptide backbone, the amino acid side-chains and the amino or carboxyl termini. It will be appreciated that the same type of modification may be present in the same or varying degrees at several sites in a given polypeptide. Also, a given polypeptide may contain many types of modifications. Polypeptides may be branched, for example, as a result of ubiquitination, and they may be cyclic, with or without branching. Cyclic, branched, and branched cyclic polypeptides may result from posttranslation natural processes or may be made by synthetic methods. Modifications include acetylation, acylation, ADP-ribosylation, amidation, covalent attachment of flavin, covalent attachment of a heme moiety, covalent attachment of a nucleotide or nucleotide derivative, covalent attachment of a lipid or lipid derivative, covalent attachment of phosphatidylinositol, cross-linking, cyclization, disulfide bond formation, demethylation, formation of covalent cross-links, formation of cysteine, formation of pyroglutamate, formylation, gamma-carboxylation, glycosylation, GPI anchor formation, hydroxylation, iodination, methylation, myristoylation, oxidation, pegylation, proteolytic processing, phosphorylation, prenylation, racemization, selenoylation, sulfation, transfer-RNA

mediated addition of amino acids to proteins such as arginylation, and ubiquitination. (See, for instance, PROTEINS - STRUCTURE AND MOLECULAR PROPERTIES, 2nd Ed., T. E. Creighton, W. H. Freeman and Company, New York (1993); POSTTRANSLATIONAL COVALENT MODIFICATION OF PROTEINS, B. C. Johnson, Ed., Academic Press, New York, pgs. 1-12 (1983); Seifter et al., Meth. Enzymol. 182:626-646 (1990); Rattan et al., Ann. N.Y. Acad. Sci. 663:48-62 (1992)).

[0051] "SEQ ID NO:X" refers to a polynucleotide sequence described, for example, in Tables 1 or 2, while "SEQ ID NO:Y" refers to a polypeptide sequence described in column 6 of Table 1. SEQ ID NO:X is identified by an integer specified in column 4 of Table 1. The polypeptide sequence SEQ ID NO:Y is a translated open reading frame (ORF) encoded by polynucleotide SEQ ID NO:X. "Clone ID NO:Z" refers to a cDNA clone described in column 2 of Table 1.

[0052] "A polypeptide having functional activity" refers to a polypeptide capable of displaying one or more known functional activities associated with a full-length (complete) protein. Such functional activities include, but are not limited to, biological activity, antigenicity [ability to bind (or compete with a polypeptide for binding) to an anti-polypeptide antibody], immunogenicity (ability to generate antibody which binds to a specific polypeptide of the invention), ability to form multimers with polypeptides of the invention, and ability to bind to a receptor or ligand for a polypeptide.

[0053] The polypeptides of the invention can be assayed for functional activity (e.g. biological activity) using or routinely modifying assays known in the art, as well as assays described herein. Specifically, one of skill in the art may routinely assay polypeptides (including fragments and variants) of the invention for activity using assays as described in the Examples.

[0054] "A polypeptide having biological activity" refers to a polypeptide exhibiting activity similar to, but not necessarily identical to, an activity of a polypeptide of the present invention, including mature forms, as measured in a particular biological assay, with or without dose dependency. In the case where dose dependency does exist, it need not be identical to that of the polypeptide, but rather substantially similar to the dose-dependence in a given activity as compared to the polypeptide of the present invention (i.e., the candidate polypeptide will exhibit greater activity or not more than about 25-fold less and, preferably, not more than about tenfold less activity, and most preferably, not

more than about three-fold less activity relative to the polypeptide of the present invention).

[0055] Table 1 summarizes some of the polynucleotides encompassed by the invention (including contig sequences (SEQ ID NO:X) and clones (Clone ID NO:Z) and further summarizes certain characteristics of these polynucleotides and the polypeptides encoded thereby.

Polynucleotides and Polypeptides of the Invention

It has been discovered herein that the polynucleotides described in Table 1 are predicted to be localized to the plasma membrane of human cells. Accordingly, such polynucleotides, polypeptides encoded by such polynucleotides, and antibodies specific for such polypeptides find use in the diagnosis, treatment, and prevention of diseases associated with cell proliferation and cell signaling, particularly cancer, immune response and neuronal disorders.

Plasma membrane localization was predicted using the following method. All novel contigs in the HGS database were scored using the ALOM program developed by Klein et al. to detect potential transmembrane segments (Klein, P. et al. Biochim. Biophys. Acta 815:468 (1985); which is hereby incorporated by reference in its entirety herein). ALOM attempts to identify the most probable transmembrane segment from the average hydrophobicity value of 17-residue segments, if any. It predicts whether the segment is a transmembrane segment (INTEGRAL) or not (PERIPHERAL) comparing the discriminant score (reported as 'value') with a threshold parameter pre-defined to 0.0 for bacteria ('threshold'). For an integral membrane protein, position(s) of transmembrane segment(s) are also reported. Their length is fixed to 17 but their extension, i.e., the maximal range that satisfies the discriminant criterion, is also given in parentheses. The discrimination step mentioned above is continued after leaving out the segment till there remains no predicted transmembrane segment. The item 'count' is the number of predicted transmembrane segments.

The protein sequence used was the longest start-codon to stop-codon (or end of sequence) ORF. If the ORF was at least 100 amino acids long, and there was a predicted INTEGRAL membrane domain starting at least 40 amino acids downstream of the start

Met, the contig was selected as encoding a plasma-membrane-associated protein. The polynucleotides of the invention are predicted to be plasma membrane associated and comprise the predicted INTEGRAL membrane domains for each unique contig ID shown in column 11 of Table 1.

TABLE 1

| Gene No: | Clone ID NO: Z | Contig ID: | SEQ ID NO: X | ORF (From-To) | AA SEQ ID NO: Y | Predicted Epitopes | Tissue Distribution Library code: count (see Table IV for Library Codes) | Cytologic Band | OMIM Disease Reference(s): | ALOM Results |
|----------|----------------|------------|--------------|---------------|-----------------|-------------------------------------|---|----------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1 | HCFNH88 | 413036 | 11 | 64 - 471 | 1416 | Arg-23 to Leu-33, Thr-61 to Phe-73. | AR039: 9, AR033: 5, AR053: 5, AR089: 4, AR096: 4, AR104: 4, AR055: 4, AR060: 4, AR052: 3, AR061: 3, L0619: 1, H0059: 1 and H0423: 1. | | | 44-60 |
| 2 | HODDW3 7 | 456287 | 12 | 144 - 572 | 1417 | | AR055: 15, AR060: 9, AR052: 7, AR061: 7, AR089: 6, AR033: 6, AR053: 5, AR096: 3, AR104: 1, AR039: 0, L0748: 2, H0328: 1 and H0529: 1. | | | 104-120, 83-99 |
| 3 | HPMFI38 | 463734 | 13 | 81 - 530 | 1418 | | AR060: 6, AR055: 3, AR053: 3, AR096: 2, AR089: 2, AR061: 2, AR033: 2, AR052: 1, AR039: 1, AR104: 1, H0031: 1 | | | 80-104, 20-37, 56-72, 134-150 |
| 4 | HLTDP38 | 465120 | 14 | 171 - 530 | 1419 | | AR055: 9, AR060: 6, AR096: 5, AR089: 5, AR033: 4, AR052: 4, | | | 40-57 |

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|-----|---------|--------|-----|--------------|------|---|---|--|--|--|---|
| 928 | HDABG90 | 878755 | 938 | 43 - 1284 | 2343 | Tyr-4 to Gln-9, Asp-49 to Lys-54. | L0748: 1, L0751: 1, L0779: 1, L0752: 1, L0592: 1 and S0424: 1. AR096: 2, AR033: 1, AR053: 1, AR089: 1, AR052: 1, AR039: 1, AR061: 1, AR060: 1, AR055: 1, AR104: 0 H0616: 2, H0497: 1 and H0618: 1. | | | | 226-264, 106-132, 139-171, 313-343, 178-201, 286-302, 217-234 |
| 929 | HDPQO40 | 878790 | 939 | 106 - 726 | 2344 | Pro-28 to Arg-35, Ser-51 to Pro-56, Pro-201 to Ser-207. | AR053: 3, AR052: 2, AR089: 2, AR096: 2, AR055: 2, AR033: 2, AR060: 2, AR061: 1, AR104: 1, AR039: 0 H0486: 3, L0766: 3, L0777: 3, S0002: 2, S0426: 2, L0743: 2, L0779: 2, L0759: 2, S0474: 1, H0673: 1, H0674: 1, H0477: 1, L0805: 1, L0659: 1, L0790: 1, H0522: 1, H0478: 1, H0445: 1 and H0543: 1. | | | | 157-173, 88-104, 13-29 |
| 930 | HKAHL37 | 878823 | 940 | 12 - 698 | 2345 | Gln-12 to Phe-25, Ala-82 to His-93, His-212 to Ala-217. | AR033: 5, AR061: 4, AR089: 3, AR052: 3, AR053: 2, AR055: 2, AR096: 2, AR060: 1, AR104: 1, AR039: 0 L0758: 12, H0617: 9, | | | | 21-46, 185-205, 50-74, 125-142, 106-122 |

Example 13: Formulation

[0888] The invention also provides methods of treatment and/or prevention of diseases or disorders (such as, for example, any one or more of the diseases or disorders disclosed herein) by administration to a subject of an effective amount of a Therapeutic. By therapeutic is meant polynucleotides or polypeptides of the invention (including fragments and variants), agonists or antagonists thereof, and/or antibodies thereto, in combination with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier type (e.g., a sterile carrier).

[0889] The Therapeutic will be formulated and dosed in a fashion consistent with good medical practice, taking into account the clinical condition of the individual patient (especially the side effects of treatment with the Therapeutic alone), the site of delivery, the method of administration, the scheduling of administration, and other factors known to practitioners. The "effective amount" for purposes herein is thus determined by such considerations.

[0890] As a general proposition, the total pharmaceutically effective amount of the Therapeutic administered parenterally per dose will be in the range of about 1ug/kg/day to 10 mg/kg/day of patient body weight, although, as noted above, this will be subject to therapeutic discretion. More preferably, this dose is at least 0.01 mg/kg/day, and most preferably for humans between about 0.01 and 1 mg/kg/day for the hormone. If given continuously, the Therapeutic is typically administered at a dose rate of about 1 ug/kg/hour to about 50 ug/kg/hour, either by 1-4 injections per day or by continuous subcutaneous infusions, for example, using a mini-pump. An intravenous bag solution may also be employed. The length of treatment needed to observe changes and the interval following treatment for responses to occur appears to vary depending on the desired effect.

[0891] Therapeutics can be administered orally, rectally, parenterally, intracisternally, intravaginally, intraperitoneally, topically (as by powders, ointments, gels, drops or transdermal patch), buccally, or as an oral or nasal spray. "Pharmaceutically acceptable carrier" refers to a non-toxic solid, semisolid or liquid filler, diluent, encapsulating material or formulation auxiliary of any. The term "parenteral" as used herein refers to modes of